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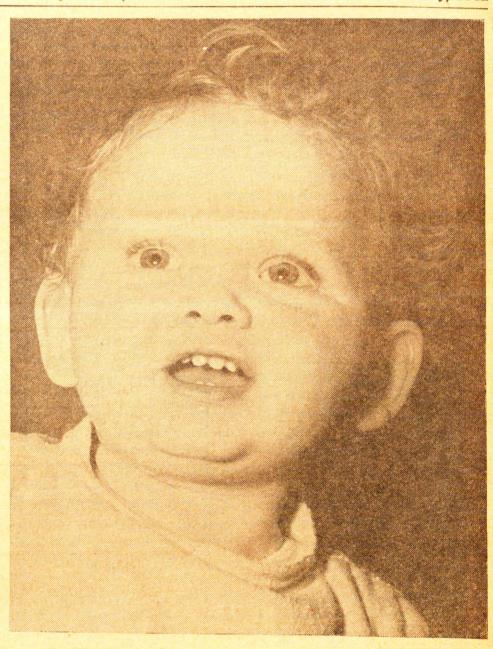
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God's Best To You For Sixty- Two

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings In Jesus' Name,

As we enter into the year of our Lord, 1962 A. D., it brings before us a greater challenge than our world has ever known. The need of the hour is to take the message of Christ to all men of every nation. This is our move forward for the Lord.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes.' (Isaiah 54:2) As we go forth into the field in this wonderful state of Missouri promoting the Cooperative Plan of Support; I trust we, as a whole church, are fulfilling our text. In the future we shall probably hear the doubters cry, "Oh! It can't be done," as our church moves into cities where we do not have a church. However, in reply to the doubters' cry I would like to take a look with them at the many new churches and new sanctuaries in the state of Missouri. Also I would like to point out that most of these churches contribute 10% of their tithes to the Cooperative Plan, in addition to the money given to the local church.

In the past two months I have been rather busy. I have been in seven

quarterly meetings and I have preached in thirty-seven Free Will Baptist churches. In each of these churches I presented the Cooperative Plan. The response was gratifying and their hospitality was wonderful to me and my family. Please remember us in your prayers that we might carry on this great work.

When you place an order to the Free Will Baptist Book Store please allow two weeks additional time in case we shouldn't have what you want in stock and should have to order it ourselves.

Of all the books we sell the Holy Bible is the best seller. We are so thankful that our churches still believe in and love the true Word of God. We will be looking forward to seeing you in your Quarterly Meeting or in your church at your request.

Yours For the Cause of Christ, Rev. Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary

COOPERTIVE RECEIPTS December, 1961

Received:

Received:	
Beacon Church \$	60.18
Victory Church	66.50
Skyline Armourdale	17.55
Merl's Chapel	30.00
Fellowship	75.00
Monett, First Church	64.29
South Side	42.00
Carterville	19.67
Twin Oak	50.00
Copper Mines	33.28

Union Light		3.10
Thayer		39.15
St. Louis, Q. M.		125.00
Farmington		57.32
Kirksville	Nov.	30.00
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Total Received		\$766.78
Disbursed:		
National Association		

National Association
of Free Will Baptists \$460.06
Promotional Office 153.35
State Home Missions 23.00
Gem Fund 38.35
Youth Camp 38.35
State General Fund 38.35
Superannuation 7.66
Skyline Armourdale 7.66

Total Disbursed \$766.78

Assemblies Announce Youth Convention

Springfield, Mo. (MNS)—The Assemblies of God youth department will sponsor an international Christ's Ambassadors convention in Mexico City, August 14-17, 1962 for the youth of the denomination.

Although it is the first such gathering to be conducted for Assemblies of God youth, some 2,500 delegates representing nearly all countries of North and South America are expected to register. Services will be conducted in English and Spanish.



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SERMON OF THE MONTH

The sky is cloudy, the winds are blowing, the waves are rolling, the waters are about to fill the ship and the disciples are about to perish. This is the picture we find recorded in St. Mark 4:35-41.

If we take a good look at today we will see the same conditions existing. Only in this picture we see the Church as the ship and we are the disciples. The storm is raging. The world is the waters.

As the waters came into the ship, the disciples were endangered. It was not until the ship was full that they realized the danger. But thanks be to God, on seeing the danger, they cried out to the Master, "Carest Thou Not That We Perish?"

We live in a day when we have an all-time high in church attendance, but spiritually we are at an all-time low. The reason for this is the churches are full of unregenerate and ungodly persons. Christ came to put the Church in the world, but Satan is trying to put the world in the Church and as a result the Church is nearly to the point of Spiritual Bankruptcy. This should bring much concern to every born again child of God. On seeing this tragedy, we should be made to cry, "Master Carest Thou Not That We Perish?" The apostle Paul said, "a little Leaven Leaveneth the Whole Lump." (Gal. 5:9) The apostle Paul being called of God and full of the Holy Spirit became bold with the Word, going into the streets, the home and the synagogues denouncing sin of every nature. The Gospel of Christ was in his heart and on his lips. If God has called you into the ministry, let us say with the apostle Paul, "Woe is Unto Me if I Preach Not the Gospel." (I Cor. 9:16) I am made to believe what the world needs today is a few less calls and a few more Pauls. A few red hot soulsearching preachers full of the Spirit would do more for the cause of Christ in a day than the multitude of lukewarm, ear tickling speakers can do in a lifetime. Our pulpits are full of babysitters rocking bench warmers to sleep with their poetry and soft phrases, while Satan is claiming souls for which Christ died. God help us to see the storm is great. Every minute of the

day 85 people die, 83 of the 85 unprepared to meet God.

If there ever was a time when the full Gospel was needed, it's the day in which we live. The Church needs to be a flaming pillar of righteousness amid this sin-sick world. The preacher needs to be a flame of fire and a burning light able to say, "Follow me as I have followed Christ." The difference in preachers is that some are ordained of God and others only of men. Those ordained of God are able to detect the devises of Satan and are bold in

"Carest Thou Not That We Perish?"

by



Rev. Cliff Bowman
First Church—Waynesville

their denunciation of all evil. These men live in the light of eternity. Pray in the light of eternity and preach in the light of eternity. God has no use for a worldly preacher, or teacher.

Many preachers and teachers cannot preach and teach the full Gospel because they do not know, neither have they experienced the important doctrines taught in God's Word. St. John 3:6-7 says, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of

the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again."

In Romans 8:9 Paul says, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." If a person has not experienced the new birth and does not possess the Spirit of Christ, how can he preach or teach this infallible doctrine? The Bible says, "If the Blind Lead the Blind, Both Shall Fall into the Ditch." Matt. 15:14.

Here is another Scripture that Satan has kept from being taught and obeyed and so hinders the cause of Christ. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." Can you preach and teach this Scripture knowing that there would not be an accusing finger pointing to you, saying practice what you preach?

There is a definite need of the teaching and preaching of this Scripture. That we might fulfill Matthew 28:19-20. "Go Ye Therefore and Teach All Nations, Baptizing Them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching Them to Observe All Things Whatsoever I Have Commanded You..."

Do you support your church with your tithe? Does your church support the Denomination by tithing to the Co-operative Plan, which supports all phases of the denominational work? I pray this will lay heavy upon the hearts of all.

With God there is no compromise. Let us not compromise. This is Satan's way of entering the Church. Compromising preachers and teachers and professing Christians are Satan's best weapon against the cause for which Christ died.

In the days of Ezekiel, God was looking for men to stand in the gap, that He should not destroy the land, but found none. (Ezekiel 22:30) God is still looking for men to stand in the gap. Men who fear not He who is able to destroy body, but He who is able to destroy body and soul in hell. (Matt. 10:28)

God has not called everyone to preach a sermon but He has surely called all to live a sermon. The greatest curse to Christianity is unregenerate and ungodly persons professing to be

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Dear Brother Reeds . . .



The Johnny Postlewaites

Vancouver, Washington December 7, 1961

Dear Brother Reeds:

Please find enclosed a check for one year's subscription to the Gem. Also, notice the change of address card enclosed. Would you please publish this change of address and urge your readers to send me the names and addresses of any Free Will Baptist people that might be living in the Vancouver, Portland area?

We moved here the first of November and have started a work in Vancouver. We have leased a church and parsonage for six months with an option to buy. We are paying \$150.00 per month rent on the two buildings which will apply toward a down payment if we are able to buy in six months. We can purchase both buildings for \$13,850.00. The church will seat 200, and is fully equipped with pews and Sunday School furniture. It has a full basement with 8 rooms and kitchen. The parsonage is three bedrooms, with a full basement. The property is located at the corner of East 26th and "F" Streets in Vancouver. It has been appraised at \$20,000.00. Please join us in prayer that our congregation might develop sufficiently to purchase this property. Our largest attendance so far has been 19. We have conducted services for three Sundays now.

I wish it were possible for us to thank all the good people everywhere, in person, for the way they have stood by the Northwest Mission work through these past six years. But since it isn't, all we can do is pray that God will bless richly all those who help in any way, and ask that they continue to pray and give. There is still a great work to do in Washington and Oregon. God is blessing and opening up new doors continually. We are planning to start with our radio broadcast over Station KPDQ in Portland, by the first of the year, we have been delayed because of a lack of funds. This station reaches thousands of people in Washington and Oregon. We believe that it will be a great step forward for our cause here. Funds for this program

should be earmarked for "Free Will Baptist's Northwest Missions" and may be sent to us directly or to the National office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Yours for Christ's Sake,
Johnnie and Leah Postlewaite
513 East 26th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Monterrey, N. L. Mexico Apartado Postal 2094 12/6/61

Dear Brother Reeds:

Greetings from the land of Old Mexico, where Christ is so real in the hearts of all those who are becoming daily acquainted with Him and His salvation.

Wedding bells have rung again in the First Church. This time Lazaro de La Rosa our native pastor of Rodriguez has married the choir director of the First Church in Monterrey, Eva Lopez. They were both saved under our ministry, and trained with much care and prayers. These children are genuine Free Will Baptists and their teachings in a village of 2,000 inhabitants is the same that is taught all over the world by the Free Will Baptist believers.

Eva has a very good education. She finished commercial school, but even though her parents were very hard on her to find herself a job where she could make money, she remained true to Christ and to the church, and never left. She was driven out of her home, and we made her a room at the old church where her and Antonia, her sister, lived for some time. When the time came for me and Lazaro's parents to ask for her hand, I thought I would faint. We were not received into her home, of course.

When the wedding time came, we thought that perhaps at the last moment these people would finally understand and come to do their part as is customary in this land. But they never came. The Judge came to the church and married them there. Her sister gave her away. Then followed the church ceremony and well over three hundred people attended this service. It is something new for a message to be preached on this subject of marriage. So many people including

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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

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Leadington	Rev. Jack McAllister
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Myrtle	
Kirksville	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland	
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods	
Old Bethel	Rev Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion	Rev Ralph Cook
South Side	Roy Roger Reads
Thayer	Roy W H Bostio
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Pleasant Grove	D V · C I
Martinstown	
Hannon	
First, Flat River	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton	
Third, St. Louis	
Salem	
First, Waynesville	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Grace, Arnold	Rev. John Land

Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Neosho	Rev. Robert Duck
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	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
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Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
	Rev. Robert Carlson
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DEAR BROTHER REEDS...

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Catholic people come to one of our weddings. Because of the sermon, (on what is the marriage institution? who instituted it? and what does it mean?) six people walked to the front and asked if I would marry them also. This of course caused me for a moment not to know what to do. I soon learned that they had never been married by any law. So we plan to have a wedding of old people next month. To this day we have 10 couples who will be married at the same service.

Brother Reeds, the Lord has been so very good to us, even though Communism is creeping in on this nation very fast, God is moving mightily in the lives of the natives. I have a study course on Communism Diagnosis Treatment, by Brother Schwartz, and we are

teaching our people and in several villages the danger of Communism and how to avoid it.

We have a very great need at this moment and we have no one else to call on, but our very own people in America, who have so kindly answered to our needs on through these three years. Today, we have been forced to buy a new car for the work in Monterrey and the other fields we attend. Ours has fallen apart. The new panel Volkswagen without any seats or windows, was purchased at \$34,000.00 (Pesos). Over \$3,000.00 (Dlls), the down payment was \$14,500, and the payments monthly \$1,700.00 (Pesos) for twelve months. The old car would not be taken in on the new one, so it's still at home. This was done because we believe that there are enough friends in America who are willing to

help in this ministry. We are not able to pay the payments ourselves because this amount is \$145.00 (Dlls a month) and our check is \$200.00 a month, plus \$40.00 rent. Several men and churches from Oklahoma made up the first money for this purchase. They sent to Nashville Home Mission Office \$375.75 which Brother Willis sent to us, with the equivalent to make the \$1,000.00 to pay the down payment. Jenell and I paid the rest. Should there be anyone that would be led to help us in this need, would you please send it to HOME MISSIONS, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. (Earmark for Billow's car).

Gratefully Yours, Arturo & Jenell

Just as well try to cross the ocean on a plank as try to reach heaven without Christ. designed of Barselle

Last year we discovered the Bible. Now we could never get along without the strength for everyday living, the inspiration, the instruction and the encouragement that our Bible brings us daily. But until Pastor Hutchins instigated a program of regular Bible reading among the families of our church, we had all missed much of the blessing the Bible offers.

Like many others in our church, we had found our Bible reading quite disjointed: a Psalm here, a few verses there, the parables of Jesus, the Sunday morning Scripture lesson, Luke chapter 2 at Christmas and John 20 at Easter. But beginning last year, we all found that even ten minutes a day with our Bibles brought new blessing and instruction.

In our home, we were not long in feeling the might of God's Word. It soon became natural for the three of us reading to fall into frequent discussions that would have been impossible a year earlier.

As we read our Bibles, we learned many lessons and jotted down references by the score for future use.

Our discovery of the Scriptures began early last December when Pastor Hutchins announced a plan for daily Bible reading for the coming year. We would begin on January 1 with Genesis 1, he told us, and by reading three pages a day and a fourth every twentieth day, we would end with Revelation 22 on December 31.

To encourage and help us, he said, he would base his Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening messages on passages from the current Bible reading.

Leaflets listing the Scripture portion for each day were then distributed to the congregation, and on the last Sunday morning in December a Bible reading pledge was incorporated into the church bulletin. Young and old alike responded enthusiastically. In all, over 250 persons signed the pledge to read the Bible through in a year.

New Year's day ushered us into a new and satisfying experience. We found inspiration in reading Abraham's magnificent story, in discovering Joseph's pure and holy character. The sweep of history presented in the story of God's chosen people gave us new perspective and understanding.

One of our richest blessings was the rediscovery of God's enduring patience and mercy toward His people.

We were surprised and delighted to find that the benediction in Numbers

6:24-26—the one we've heard at the close of so many services—came directly from the Lord, and not from the pen of an ancient cleric as we had previously assumed:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and give thee peace."

One discovery was especially comforting to those in our home. Again and again God chooses "the least of these" for His most important assignments. This discovery has completely changed our thinking about Christian service.

Moses acknowledged his inadequacy when he said to God, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Irsael out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:11).

To David, God said, "I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel." (II Sam. 7:8).

When the Lord commissioned Jeremiah, the prophet responded, "Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak" (Jer. 1:6, 7).

We were unable to read the pages of this powerful Book without finding comfort, strength and endurance for the problems and testings of life-sustenance such as Joshua 1:9 offers: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whither-soever thou goest."

Nor could we disregard the stern warning contained in these words, "Behold, ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).

Day-after-day reading has given us a growing store of helpful and meaningful passages applying to our daily needs.

As I bade farewell to my girls this summer before they left for several weeks, I searched for something appropriate and worthwhile to help them during the time they were away. Nehemiah 10:8 came to my mind, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength." And as they left I knew I had given them something that would mean far more than a material gift.

Every day and every week brought new discoveries—right on through the Old Testament and into the New. In book after book we gleaned precious truths which permeated our lives. Others, too, found the plan helpful. Folk beside our own members began to share our plan for Bible study. Some of the schedules were mailed to far-away relatives and friends. Letters from members of neighboring churches told of their new adventures in Bible reading.

A Sunday School "teacher" who had visited our church sent a check requesting a dozen pamphlets for her boys' class, so they, too, could begin following our Bible reading schedule.

A senior at Rutgers University wrote that he was reading along with us in addition to daily New Testament study.

A Brazilian missionary visited our church while on furlough. On her return voyage she sent for Bible reading schedules for ship's officers whom she had interested in regular reading of the Scriptures.

Meanwhile, Pastor Hutchins' sermons added to our understanding of the passages we had read. Our youth and adult groups were encouraged to enter into Bible discussions. Newcomers each Sunday were invited to take a schedule and join us in our united Bible study.

We were amazed at how much fruit one year of Bible reading could bear. But we have found that each year of study brings new blessings and opens up new truths. If you want to make this year a blessed year, begin to discover the Bible!

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Evangelical Books On News Stands In Mexico City

Mexico City (MNS)—In a resounding victory for literature evangelism, the evangelical publishing house Fountain Publications has been able to place on news stands here various evangelical books. Billy Graham's Peace With God is included among others.

Pressures for Intolerance Rejected In Bolivia

La Paz, Bolivia (MNS)—During a serious political crisis in Bolivia in 1961 the Roman Catholic hierarchy here made strong representation to the President seeking restrictions against evangelicals. The bishops supported the position that constitutional guarantees provided tolerance of non-Catholic religion but not equal liberty for all.

Recently the President and the deputies in Congress have turned down the request of the Catholic bishops.

Missouri State Home Missions Board Appeal . . .

On November 30, the Home Mission Board of Missouri met in Kansas City at the New Hope Church for the purpose of formulating plans for future mission work in the State. A service was held at the New Hope Church in conjunction with other FWB Churches in the Kansas City area participating. Rev. Lester Jones, chairman of the Board, brought the message on the desperate need of getting the true gospel out to the unreached in Missouri while there is yet time. With the challenge still ringing in our ears, we settled down to the task at hand. The Home Mission Board had \$479.29 on hand at the beginning of this Convention year. We receive 3% of the Cooperative receipts monthly. At this rate it would be years before we could help even one church. Realizing the need and our uselessness in the present condition, we prayerfully came to the following plan which we feel will help finance several churches if you the peole of Missouri will cooperate. Here is the plan:

Item 1 .- We are launching a club called the "Home Mission Brotherhood for Church Extension." The purpose is to provide needed funds for organizing new churches in areas where Free Will Baptists do not have a witness. This is how it works—we are asking consecrated people of our State Association to pledge that they will invest the sum of \$10.00 for each new church organized by the Home Mission Board. This amount not to exceed \$20.00 in any one given year. Pledge cards will be printed and you will be asked to sign these cards pledging your support in this endeavor. You will not be asked to pay until such time as a work is in the process of being started.

Item 2.—In conjunction with Item 1, we further agreed to ask the good pastors and laymen of the Missouri Association to help us find prospects for new churches in the following cities and surrounding areas: St. Joseph, Chillicothe, Hannibal, Moberly, Nevada, Willow Springs, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Jefferson City, Sedalia and Marshal. All these cities and any

towns near them are without a Free Will Baptist Church. Souls are dying in these areas without Christ. We have the message, but we must have both the money and opportunity to witness before we can reveal Christ to them. Perhaps you have a friend in one of these cities or some town in the general area. You can greatly help us and your friend by sending their name and address to the Home Mission Board, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo.

REMEMBER time is running out, what we do we must do quickly. We of the Missouri Home Mission Board are deeply burdened and we hope and pray that you will also feel the need and respond as we have requested.

World Missionary Press Organized

Winona Lake, Ind. (MNS)—An evangelical, interdenominational press specializing in Christian literature for Africa and Asia has been dedicated here. Watson Goodman, president and general manager of the World Missionary Press, said his organization intends to provide free literature to the millions of Asians and Africans who are just becoming literate.

Mr. Goodman, who pioneered a children's literature project in South Africa, said that too many of the newly-literate people are now being reached with Communist literature.

The dedication ceremony was led by Dr. Myron F. Boyd, chairman of the press' board of directors and director of the Light and Life Hour, an international radio broadcast sponsored by the Free Methodist Church.

Evangelical Writer To Be Tried In Spain

Barcelona, Spain (MNS)—Evangelical writer Jose Grau and Printer Salvador Salvado were to appear early this month for trial before a court here. They are charged with "printing books, folders, and leaflets for the use of all the evangelical churches in Spain."

The court case follows the impounding by police last June of 5,000 copies of evangelical literature printed by Sr. Salvado for the Worldwide European Fellowship.

Last Evangelical Voice Suspended in Cuba

Homer City, Pa. (MNS)—The 19year-old radio ministry of the West Indies Mission in Cuba, "Alas del Alba" (Wings of the Morning), was suspended October 2 by order of the government. The Cuban directors of the program appealed to the government to rescind the order, but all appeal was denied.



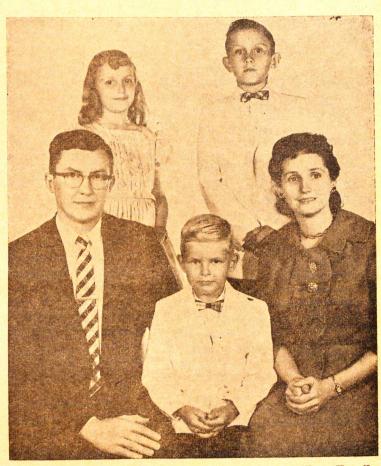
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OVER THE WORLD

Evangelism-In-Depth For Gautemala

San Jose, Costa Rica (MNS)—A large-scale effort to present the Gospel to the four million citizens of Gautemala will begin January 2, 1962. The program, which will include a full year of evangelistic activities, will be sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance of Gautemala and the Ministerial Association.

The decision to undertake the campaign in 1962 was made at a joint session of the two organizations meeting in Gautemala City. At that time some 20 evangelical leaders met with Dr. Kenneth Strachan, general director of the Latin American Mission, who has been chosen to direct the campaign. National coordinator will be the Rev. Juan M. Isais, who served in the same capacity in Costa Rica and Nicaragua earlier.

World Gospel Mission Airs Program In Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya (MNS)—During the last half of 1961 the World Gospel Mission presented 26 programs over the Kenya Broadcasting Service. There were 14 Kipsigis broadcasts (15 minutes each), 8 Swahili broadcasts for children (15 minutes each), and four Swahili church services (30 minutes each). New programs are now being prepared in an effort to double this radio ministry in meeting the challenge of 100,000 radios in Kenya.

Gospel Broadcast Aired In Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica (MNS)—Since August the Missionary Church Association congregation in Jamaica has been producing a program entitled "Dawn Devotion" which is aired over Radio Jamaica from 5:45-6:00 a. m. Missionaries are encouraged by the response.

Evangelical Workers Meet In Madrid

Madrid, Spain (MNS) — Behind closed doors the evangelical pastors and workers representing various church organizations met here last October to examine the general conditions facing Protestantism in the country. The sessions of the National Evangelical Congress were held in the various churches of this capital city. Rev. M. Santos Molina, bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, presided at the meetings which followed the theme: "Our Contemporary Problems."

The evangelical leaders of Spain dealt with very pressing problems such as: the legal status of the churches, the education of Protestant children, civil marriages, discrimination in the military, and the problems related to the publication and importation of Bibles and literature for the Spanish churches.

The Congress ratified the work which the Commission of Evangelical Defense has been doing in representation of all Protestant denominations before the authorities.

Guide to Africa Published

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—Africa Report for November, 1961 includes a 22-page "Country-by-Country Guide to Africa" giving capsule summaries of the history and current political and economic trends in 56 African states and territories.

In each case the survey gives basic data, such as, population, a brief word on history, and in most cases something on current political developments. The largest state listed is Nigeria with a population of 35,300,000. There is a listing of Africa's largest universities, with the number of students enrolled.

Copies are available at fifty cents each (while they last). Write to: Africa Report, Suite 505, Dupont Circle Building, Washington 6, D. C.

Pastors Institute And Missionary Retreat Planned

Fort Wayne, Ind. (MNS)—The third annual Pastors Institute and Missionary Retreat, scheduled for January 8-12, will be held in the First Missionary Church here. This annual gathering of nearly 100 pastors and missionaries is sponsored jointly by the Fort Wayne Bible College, the Missionary Church Association and the Evangelical Mennonite Church.

Literature Conferences To Be Sponsored by ELO

Wheaton, Ill. (MNS)—Beginning at the Evangelical Fellowship of India meetings to be held in January 4-10, Mr. Dennis Clark will make a sixmonths tour of Asia, the Far East, the Middle East and Europe. He will conduct literature workshops, consultations and conferences in India, Ceylon, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Iran, Lebanon, Cyprus, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and England.

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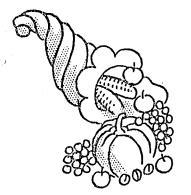
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Plane Crash Kills Missionary

Mexico (MNS)—Last month, after a search of several days, the body of the Rev. Frederick Passler, Presbyterian missionary working in Yucatan, was found in the wreckage of his CESSNA. Mr. Passler, 50, had served for 17 years working at Xocempich, a little village located about 150 kilometers east of the city of Merida, Yucatan, where he had founded a school, a hospital and a church.

Evangelical Press Association Formed In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal (MNS)—Some 30 journalists representing 15 Protestant church publications in this country have formed a fellowship group, to be known as the Portuguese Evangelical Press Association. Among those represented are the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Nazarene and Brethren churches.



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

The Garibaldi Free Will Baptist Church Garibaldi, Oregon—

The Garibaldi Free Will Baptist Church was organized and set in order this 3rd day of December, 1961, with our Northwest Home Missions Pastor, Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite officiating and assisted by Rev. Doyle F. Goldy, Rev. Emory E. Edwards, ordained ministers of Vancouver, Washington and Rev. M. O. Kendall, Garibaldi, Oregon. Rev. Kendall had conducted services here for the past five months. He formerly pastored the New Hope Church, Claremore, Oklahoma.

The services began with a united altar prayer. The congregation was led in hymn singing by Mrs. Juanita Creech. Special numbers were rendered by the Garibaldi Trio. The message was preached by Brother Postlewaite. His text was taken from Acts 2:42. He encouraged the church to follow the teachings of the Bible, staying steadfastly in the faith and doctrine of the Apostles and early Christians.

A call for membership, by Rev. Postlewaite, brought 23 candidates forward as charter members of the church.

The Bible was presented to the group as their only rule of faith and practice by Rev. Goldy. Rev. Edwards prayed the prayer of consecration, asking God for the unity of the church and the fellowship of the brethren.

Rev. Kendall was elected as pastor, and then took charge to moderate the election of the church officers. Brothers Lloyd Christian, Hilliary Creech, and Bill Davis, were elected as deacons on trial for one year. Sister LaVena Kendall, was elected as clerk and Sister Juanita Creech, was elected as treasurer.

The church requested to have Bro. Melderry Short examined for license to preach the Gospel. Rev. Postlewaite, Rev. Goldy, and Rev. Edwards serving as an examining counsel granted Brother Short license to preach for one year.

The church was given the right hand of fellowship by the organizing council and was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Postlewaite.

Clerk, Sis. LaVena Kendall

Denominational Sunday School Secretaries Meet

Chicago, Ill.-

The seventh annual meeting of the Denominational Sunday School Secretaries Commission of the National Sunday School Association was held in Chicago, Illinois, December 5, 6, and 7 at the Morrison Hotel. This commission is comprised of Sunday School secretaries representing some thirty or more denominations.

This commission meets to assist NSSA in planning and programming yearly projects. First to receive attention was a review of the national convention in Detroit this past October which registered 8,523 persons from some eighty denominations. Attendance figures show that this was more than double any previous convention. The next national convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, on October 10, 11 and 12, 1962. Headlining as a theme "In Times Like These... The Bible." Program and personnel will be released later.

The group selected sub-themes and suggested materials for calendar observances during the year relating to March to Sunday School in March, National Family Week, (May 6-12, 1962) and National Sunday School Week (September 30—October 7, 1962).

A program aimed at encouraging the churches of our nation to accept a challenge of doubling Sunday School attendance during the decade of our sixties was given further impetus as the group outlined the following emphases. During 1961, the group has participated in a Time of Decision.

1962 is designated as a Time of Preparation with a focus on God-consciousness,

1963 Time of Enlistment with a focus on man,

1964 Time of Enlargement with a focus on the community, and

1965 Time of Improvement with a focus on evaluation.

The emphases for the remainder of the decade are being developed by a committee chaired by Rev. Royal S. Nelson, Sunday School Secretary for the Free Methodists, Winona Lake, Indiana. Eight other Sunday School secretaries will share the planning of the ten year program.

The officers for this year's meeting were Rev. Harold A. Etling, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, president; Rev. Clarence Gerig, Missionary Church Association, vice president; Rev. Leonard G. Wymore, Christian Churches, Secretary; Rev. Charles Denton, Assemblies of God, member of committee; and Rev. Chester C. Larson, Evangelical Free Church, member of committee.

The officers elected for 1962 are Rev. Clarence Gerig, Missionary Church Association, president; Rev. Chester C. Larson, Evangelical Free Church, vice president; Leonard G. Wymore, Christian Church, Secretary; and members of the executive committee, Rev. Harold Etling, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and Dr. Vincent Bird, International Churches of the Foursquare Gospel. The 1962 meeting of the Denominational Secretaries will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, Dec. 3-6, 1962.

Pentecostal Church Attacked In Brazil

Guaratingueta, Sao Paulo, Brazil (MNS)—Some 500 rioters stormed the local worship center of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church of Brazil, wrecking and burning it. The crowd destroyed the furniture, books, musical instruments and other equipment in the building, then set fire to the chapel itself. Three adjacent buildings also burned down before the fire brigade

from the neighboring city of Taubate could reach the scene.

The small local police force had to summon state militiamen from other cities, including the state capital, to bring the mob under control. Police authorities reported later that the rioters were mainly local troublemakers and political agitators rather than persons of deep religious convictions.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains met at the church Monday night, Dec. 4th with 10 members and 2 visitors present. The meeting was directed by the vice-president, Gracie Stephens, who read from Isaiah 9:6, 7. Prayer was led by Mrs. Gilbert. Song by the group, "Silent Night."

In the business meeting we voted to send a box to the Children's Home and fix some baskets for the needy for Christmas and to send \$5.00 for Home Missions. We will go once a month to visit the shut-ins. Our lesson on "It's Christmas" was enjoyed by all. Topic I: "The Blue of Heaven," was given by Addie Atkisson. Topic II: "The Royal Purple of the Eternal I Am," 'The was given by Lillian Brooks. Topic III: "The Scarlet of Supreme Sacrifice," was given by Beaulah Gilliam. We will meet at the church December 18th for the pre-Christmas season of prayer. We were dismissed in prayer by Claudia Combs.

Cor. -Sec., Beaulah Gilliam

FROM DESLOGE:

The Ladies' Mission of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge met in their regular monthly meeting Friday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by song, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Prayer by Ava McFarland. Scriptures were read by the president, Mildred Miller. Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 24:47. Prayer by Pearl Sirclum. 10 answered the roll call with a Scripture verse that contained the word prophecy. Visitors present were: Sue, Darlinda, Judy and Elaine Morris. Our lesson was from our Co-laborer books, "Our Fields At Home." The introduction was given by Mildred Miller. Topic I: "Consecration—A Must," by Ava McFarland. Topic II: "Serving First In My Home and My Community Through Prayer and Witnessing," by Maude Anderson. Topic III: "Being A Good Steward," by Sandra Morris. Topic IV: "Now Is the Hour," by Nellie Rasnic. Dismissal prayer by Maude Anderson. Games and refreshments followed in the basement. Others present besides those already named were: Effie Matthews, Waneeta Pettus, and Hazel Morris.

FROM ST. LOUIS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the South Side Church has been very busy this past month. Boxes were prepared for our service men by our personal service chairman, Mrs. Virtess Kellerman. All of the ladies of the church helped by preparing cookies and candies.

At our meeting we honored our president, Mrs. Myrtle Reeds, with a few personal gifts in appreciation for all she has done for our Auxiliary. Mrs. Harry Beatty gave a report on our district workshop which was held in Flat River, Missouri. The talk was so interesting she made us all wish we had gone to the meeting.

A Christmas program featuring our Sunday School children was given on the Wednesday night preceding Christmas for our pre-Christmas service. Our thanks to all the children and their parents for cooperating in presenting this program. The children all did a wonderful job with their parts.

-Dee Stacy, Cor. -Sec.

FROM JOPLIN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church met November 13 at the church for our regular meeting. Our subject was, "Our Fields at Home." The opening hymn was, "Lord, Send Me to Some Soul Today." The introduction and Scripture reading was given by our president, Opal Williams. (Acts 1:8: Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19, 20; Luke 24:47) We were then led in prayer by Dessa Byrd. The minutes were read and approved and an offering taken. Plans were made for giving Thanksgiving baskets. We voted to dismiss our Wednesday night pre-Thanksgiving program to go to the Union Thanksgiving Service. Our minister, Rev. Paul Williams, took part in their program.

Topics given: I "Consecration—A Must," by Edna Haynes; II "Serving First In My Home and Community Through Prayer and Witnessing," by Mildred Hutchings; III "Being A Good Steward," by Ruth Williams; IV "Now Is the Hour," by Deane Eaton. We were dismissed in prayer by Barbara

Oxendine. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

We wish to report that our revival, held the first two weeks of November, was a great success. The Lord truly blessed and we saw three souls saved. Our thanks to Rev. Fred Cunningham of Monett for his wonderful messages, and we pray the Lord will richly bless him in his work for the Lord. Also, we thoroughly enjoyed the messages in song brought to us by Rev. Duck and his family. We wish them success in their ministry. Each Christian was strengthened spiritually by this wonderful revival.

Church Clerk, Mildred Hutchings

FROM MONETT:

A group of favorite Christmas carols including "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night" were sung to open the December meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, held at the church.

The president, Mrs. Lawrence Weston, presided at the meeting and Mrs. Eddie Jones led in the opening prayer.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. Reports by the circle chairmen revealed that the Laura Belle Barnard Circle had sent fruit plates to shut-ins and that the Bessie Yeley Circle planned a surprise dinner for the pastor and his wife, each member sending a different dish for the menu.

Mrs. Guy Ford was in charge of the program which had as its theme, "It's Christmas." The group joined in singing, "Noel, Noel" and Scriptures were read from Isaiah 9:6, 7. Mrs. C. L. Atwell led in prayer and Mrs. Ford read the poem, "Recipes for Christmas."

Pre-Christmas prayer services were planned with each member to pray at her home at 9:30 each morning. The all-church Christmas dinner, sponsored by the Auxiliary, was held Tuesday night, December 5, in the church dining hall with church members and visitors present. The fifteen members who attended the Auxiliary meeting met in the church basement and exchanged sunshine pal gifts after the meeting concluded.

Cor. -Sec., Mrs. Will Gates



Moman's Auxiliary

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FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Beacon Auxiliary met October 26, at the home of Mrs. Eldon Thomas with nine members and four visitors present. Four new members were received at this meeting. The monthly program was given. An offering of \$18.50 was received for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr.

In November the ladies met at the home of Mrs. Jean Williams. There were ten members present. The project for the month was buying glasses for one of the boys of the church. We also observed the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

The December meeting was at the home of Mrs. Greta Carter. There were nine members and one visitor present. After the program the secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged. Our project was food and clothing for a needy family.

We observed the week of prayer in the home of various members of the Auxiliary. Many of the women are making plans to read the Bible through in 1962.

We are very thankful for our president, Mrs. Ruth Postlewait who keeps urging us on in the work. Pray that as we enter the New Year our Auxiliary will continue to grow and be a blessing to the church and community.

Cor. -Sec., Blanche Matthews

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri met Nov. 6 at 7:30 with 7 members present and 1 child and 5 visitors. The Scripture lesson was Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19, 20 and Luke 24:47 by Blossom Aghee. Prayer by Bertha Wolf. Ruth Coday acted as study course chairman in the absence of Clarabel Lemons. Topics were read by Myrtle Carbin, Anita Smith, Grace Guinn and Dorothy Johnson and discussed by the group. All the visitors joined our Auxiliary.

A poem, "Higher Ground," was given by Dollie Smith and Blossom Aghee gave a poem, "Old Things Pass Away." The collection was taken by Anita Smith. Motion was made and seconded to give a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family in the church. Roll call and treasurer's report by Myrtle Carbin. Dismissed around the altar by Lola Long.

Our December meeting was held at 7:30 December 5 with 16 members and 2 children and 2 men present.

Prayer by Ruth Coday. Opening Song, "Silent Night" led by Dorothy Johnson. Lena Cheek acted as study course chairman in the absence of Clarabel Lemons. Topics were read by Lorene Leegan, Loletta Woods, and Dorothy Poleson and discussed by all.

Plans for the Christmas program were made and on the 3 large boxes of food given to the Dalton family in the church. He has been out of work and has been sick so much the past year and it was appreciated so much. We are glad to report our Sunday School attendance has come up to 160 and 170 and our offerings have really raised, too. We were so glad to have Bro. Frank Lindsey and Sis. Mattie George back in the service as both have been very ill.

We closed our meeting by singing, "Joy to the World," and Bro. Long gave the benediction. We had our gift exchange after the meeting. We are giving 2 Christmas baskets to needy families. —Bertha Wolf, Cor. -Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Women of our Auxiliary at Leadington F. W. B. Church are joining the women of other churches in observing pre-Christmas prayer services in the homes of the members of the various Woman's Auxiliaries everywhere. The Woman's Auxiliary led our Wednesday night prayer service at the church Dec. 20th. The subjects discussed were faith and love.

Some of our women attended the workshop held at the Fellowship Church. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, our W. N. A. C. Executive Secretary, was with us. We enjoyed so much, her message, "Our Debt Is Growing Denominational-Wise." It was very enlightening.

Iva Treaster, president of Leadington Church Woman's Auxiliary, gave the morning topic, "Our Debt Is Growing Vision-Wise." It was very good. May the love of Christ live in hearts everywhere.

-Anna Lincoln, Cor. -Sec.

DEVOTIONAL FOR MISSIONS

Presented by Mrs. L. W. Vinson, Mrs. Fred Dover and son, Terry at Newport, Tennessee, April 9, 1960.

Leader:

A traveler with a face white like the new fallen snow journeyed along a narrow highway toward a distant city. This traveler was very religious. There were three things that he did every day. Daily he read from a sacred Book-a Book of beautiful teachings, a Book that taught that all men were brothers if they believed in the Great Father. The white traveler pondered these things in his heart and said that he believed them. Daily he knelt to pray to one whom he addressed as "Our Father." Daily, too, he gazed at his own white face in the wayside brook when no one was looking and admired the fair image he saw reflected.

One day he saw another traveler who was going the same direction. Both men drew aside lest they touch each other's garments. Because the other one's face was yellow, the white man said to himself, "He is deceitful, he is treacherous. He must be because his skin is not white like mine." And the white man believed these things and decided that he did not like the yellow man. Then the yellow traveler said to himself, "The white man is proud and conceited. I shall go my way alone." And neither looked closely to see what the other was really like.

After a while the travelers met others on the highway who were not as they were. They said of the brown ones, "They are cruel. They are wicked. They murder. We fear them because they are not like us.'

When the travelers saw a black man they said, "He is dangerous. He is not as good as we are.

All through the years the white traveler was very religious. Daily he read from the sacred Book. Daily he knelt to pray and daily in secret he admired himself because his face was so white. And the yellow, brown, and black travelers kept to themselves and would have nothing to do with the others.

As the years passed, all the travelers came closer to their destination. Each thought up good reasons for not associating with those of other races.

Then one day all the travelers topped a rise on the road and quite

suddenly found themselves at the gates of the city which had been the goal of their desires for so many years. There were so many travelers that there was no room for them to draw away from each other. Soon they found themselves passing through the gates and on into the center of the city. Then there was in the midst of them a great RADIANT PRESENCE!

The white man cried, "Behold, how fair is the White king!'

The yellow man shouted, "Lo, the majestic Yellow king!

The brown man called, "Hail, the mighty Brown king!'

The black man said, "Glory to the mighty Black king!"

The white man stamped his foot and screamed, "No, no, He is white. I tell you the King is white."

The black man shouted, "No, He is black—black like I am!'

As they disputed as to the color of the great King, the RADIANT PRES-ENCE interrupted them saying, "Oh, my children! How blind you are! The earth dust has filled your eyes so that you cannot see clearly. All these years you have loved the color of your skin so much that you have been blinded to the beauty of all other men's souls. All these years has color divided you.

"Half the sweetness of life have you missed with your color blindness. Would the earth be half so lovely if everything were of one hue? If all the leaves and flowers and sunsets were brown, how monotonous a place the earth would be! While you were on earth did you draw away with loathing from the poppy because it was not yellow like the sunflower? Did you hate the grass because it was green instead of crystal clear like the stream?

"My little children, in this city color does not matter. Here it is only the heart that matters and the radiance of the soul. Shake the earth dust from your eyes and look about you. What do you see?"

And the yellow man looked at the brown man and whispered, "I see no color-only a shining radiance.

The white man looked at the black man and said, wonderingly, "I see no color—only a soul of shining beauty.'

Then they who had thought of

themselves as yellow, black, brown and white looked at each other deeply and said gently, "Brother, my brother."

And then they knelt down, all the radiant souls, and looked at the King. Then behold, they saw Him not as brown, yellow, black or white, but as a GREAT RADIANCE, A SHINING SOUL. So kneeling together they murmured, "OUR FATHER."

In the 28th chapter of Matthew, verses 19, 20, we read the words that Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

When our Lord introduced the gospel on earth it was in terms which give unmistakable evidence that He meant for it to go on. He knew full well that only the introduction was possible during the time of His stay on earth and so He provided for agencies which would take it beyond His day. Hence, the business of Christian Missions-the going into all the world and preaching the gospel to the whole creation.

The great living words of the Lord Jesus in which He sent His disciples out into all the world should be regarded by us, as they were by the apostles, as both commission and permission. Duty and privilege go ever together in the thought of the gospel. Jesus in His sovereign authority commissioned His disciples to evangelize the nations of the earth. We are to think of the gospel as intended for all, and of ourselves as having our greatest earthly privilege in extending it to all-to all the people of all the continents of the world.

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I did the same at Cleburne, Tex., and our attendance doubled at the midweek service. During my eight years as pastor in Pasadena, Calif., we pursued this program on two occasions. The mid-week service climbed from 30 to about 300 through its introduction.

Here at the Church of the Open Door (Los Angeles) we are preparing to begin the program for the fourth time in fourteen years. We have seen the mid-week service climb to an attendance of 2,500. Well over 500 persons take notes during the messages.

Several pastors in the Southern California area have more than doubled attendance at all services by adopting this program.

Over the years we have made some changes. The program this time, simply stated, will begin on December 7 with Genesis. We will probably take the two Old Testament books; then we will weave back and forth from the Old to the New Testament. This time we expect to take a little more than two years in an unhurried fashion, taking from seven to eleven chapters each week. We ask the people to read the section under consideration not only once, but twice.

When a large company of people read a particular portion, it focuses attention on that section and gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to work through the Word. This has been evident in the salvation of many and the growth of multitudes of others.

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that will enable the preacher to grow, study and work as does this plan. This, I believe, is the way to revival.

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"CAREST THOU NOT THAT WE PERISH?"

(Continued from page 3)

Christians. People are not concerned about what you are saying. They are too busy watching what you are doing. Let's either clean up and live like Christians or take down our shingle.

"God is not willing that any soul should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:10)

Therefore, let us submit ourselves unto God to be used of God to fight against this tidal wave of ungodliness and to win souls for Jesus Christ.

DEVOTIONAL FOR MISSIONS

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May we again look at the words of Jesus—this time as recorded by John: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." (15:12) and again, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." (13:35)

Reader: (for Asia)

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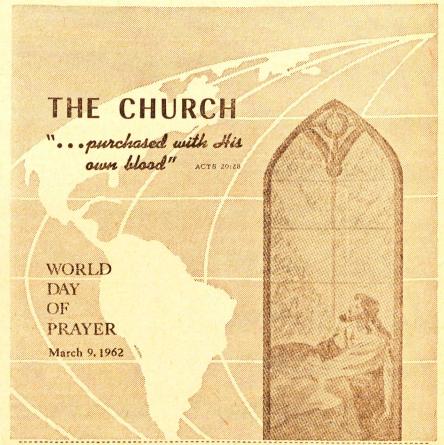
Yet where a dim pagoda's haunting spire

Hides crumbling gods and dying altar fire,

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Student: (Comes forward with lighted candle-to a table on which there is a globe and five candles).

Behold, I light the candle of love for Asia. (Lights a candle) May we keep this flame brightly burning within our hearts.

Reader: (for Africa)

He sits no more beside Samaria's well:

Yet where a thousand far-off fountains spring

From jungle silence, wondering mothers bring

The children of a dark, bewildered race

Unto a friend with kindly face.

Student:

Behold, I light the candle of love for Africa. (Lights candle) May we keep this flame brightly burning within our hearts.

Reader: (for Europe)

He guardeth not Jerusalem against

But, Oh, the wings of tenderness He

About war-torn Europe. He holds Aloft the banner marked for love and peace,

And speaks of one who comforts, to bid their troubles cease.

Student:

Behold I light the candle of love for Europe. (Lights candle) May we keep this flame brightly burning within our

Reader: (for South America)

He goes not evermore into dark Gethsemane;

But still today climbs mountain tops to pray,

Bearing His cross upon an Andes

He points through darkness and through night

By His living presence—to a higher light.

Behold, I light the candle of love for South America. (Lights candle) May we keep this flame brightly burning within our hearts.

Reader: (for North America)

He hears no more Judean children crying as He goes;

Yet midst the millions in skyscraper

He walks, and seeing hungry children pities

Them. He hears the cries of hunger, cold, and fears,

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(Continued from Page 15) As He companions those who dry their tears.

Behold I light the candle of love for North America. (Lights candle) May we keep this flame brightly burning within our hearts.

Leader:

"Go! Go ye into all the world"-

This was the Master's parting

And shall the gospel flag be furled While millions yet have never heard?

Dare we the sacred trust forget? The great commission nullify?

Deny the Man of Olivet

While Christless thousands daily

Nay! echoing through the circling years,

Resounding round the arching

The heavenly thunder smites our ears

Evangelize! Evangelize!

Neglected, bleaching harvests waste: Must they through our neglect be lost?

Lord, stir us! Give us prayerful haste

To tell the world-what'er the -Author Unknown cost.